

## Be a School Time Capsule Postmaster 8-30-24

Your child's school has a School Time Capsule Vault. The Project that goes with it needs 1 volunteer for every 60 students in each grade to work as many as three days a year to be a Grade Time Capsule Postmaster for your child's grade. These positions make the School Time Capsule Project possible. They move forward grade to grade with their child's grade, from Pre-k through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Once a year these volunteers collect the self-addressed envelopes from each student that are filled with copies of the letters to the child from each parent and grandparent, as well as any close adult involved with the child. From third grade on letters from children themselves are included. The Postmasters store these envelopes in the School Time Capsule Vault for 11 months. They return the envelopes to students the month before next year's annual letter writing.

We are seeking volunteer postmasters willing to invest three days a year in helping to store and return the letters being written both to and by students.

The primary goal of the School Time Capsule Project is to help all students focus on their family roots and life goals. In the process parents also help document their own stories.

Each year, when students receive these letters, they immediately read them. The goal is for each student to speak with the writer of each letter about what was written. They ask questions about anything that may not be clear to them from the letter. This is why we are asking for parents who would like to work with their child's writing teacher to help these letters be written. Then, store them in, and retrieve them from, the School Time Capsule Vault.

In the 12<sup>th</sup> grade all letters focus on dreams and goals 10 years into the future, including most importantly the letter the student writes to themselves. This truly priceless envelope remains in the School Time Capsule Vault until the class 10-year reunion. Imagine being there to help hand back these priceless envelopes to the young adults you have watched grow up and mature.

Would you like to become a School Time Capsule Postmaster volunteer? Would you like to help these valuable letters return to your child and their classmates? Please let your school know if you are interested. It involves 3 days of work a year to help change the lives of our students, and your own child.

Focusing on family roots and life goals during each school year improves everything!